

THINGS YOU SHOULD BE PREPARING / THINKING ABOUT FOR FINALS

You should know the show IN AND OUT. Coming out to finals with the idea that you have an advantage because you are starting the show with a clean slate is NOT a good idea. Full seasons are available on iTunes for purchase and some websites still have past seasons posted for free. YOU MUST have seen at least one FULL season.

Have your strategy (or strategies) ready for your interviews. We want and need to know how you plan on playing the game. If you have notes or a plan on paper, BRING THEM WITH YOU. We don't want a fake speech prepared but we want to know you've thought about it.

Think about things you are passionate about. Social issues, politics, religion, healthcare, etc. What fires you up? Plan on talking about it with us.

Think about the types of people that fire you up, make you mad, bother you, etc. As much as you think you get along with everyone, YOU DON'T. We always hear that.

THINK ABOUT PACKING

ANYTHING and EVERYTHING that will keep you busy and happy while you are in your room. You'll be in there **A LOT!**

Books, magazines, movies, computer games, arts & crafts, etc.

(We've made arrangements for you to have free Internet in your room. You may have to sign something when you check in that says that you are responsible for the Internet charges, but please know that we have taken care of for you.)

Bring any special snacks that you enjoy. You may not have access to them or be able to buy them while in the hotel.

TOILETRIES

Bring any special hair, body, skin care, shaving creams, soaps etc. The hotel carries the basics but if you have special needs, you need to handle them. Again, you may not be able to purchase them in the gift shop and you will not be able to leave the hotel.

CLOTHING

Workout clothes- you have gym time scheduled every day. You don't have to use it but after a few days stuck in your room, you will probably welcome it. Not to mention you should be looking and feeling your absolute best for pool time if you make the show.

Swimsuit / shorts- you have pool time scheduled every day along with gym time. Pack sunglasses, shorts, sun block, etc. You may not be able to purchase in the gift shop and you will not be able to leave the hotel to purchase.

Interviews- Bring a couple different nice outfits for interviews. This IS NOT a job interview. You don't have to wear a suit or business type outfits. You should feel 100% comfortable but look great. If you have to go out and buy some new clothes, DO IT. I want you to feel great and look great. Again, you will not be able to leave the hotel to buy anything new.

Miscellaneous- don't forget phone chargers, computer power cables, glasses, contacts, solutions, soaps etc.

If you have any questions about other items you'd like to bring, do not hesitate to call me.

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Sr. Casting Producer
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Our House Productions

To all Finalists,

Welcome to Los Angeles! We're very excited to have you here as our guest and we're looking forward to learning more about you over the course of the next several days. To ensure that things run smoothly, there are some rules you need to be aware of:

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ During your time with us there are several appointments that you may be called upon to attend. These appointments are as follows:

1. Written psych questionnaire
2. Producers Interview
3. Medical Examination
4. Psychological Interview

It is important for you to understand that you may attend ALL or just a few of these meetings before you return home. Fortunately, we have a great interview with you already and we have the ability to have you medically tested in your hometown at any time so the only appointment that must be completed here is your psych questionnaire. Depending on the schedule, and other factors, you may be returning home in just a few days or you may be with us for the whole time.

- ◆ Attached to this welcome letter is a general overview of your schedule. You will be reminded of each appointment 20 minutes prior to the scheduled appointment time. We ask that you make your way to the appointment immediately as the schedule is very tight and there is no time for delays. On some occasions, a handler will escort you to and from your appointments. The handlers are there to make sure you get from one place to the next. They are not available to run personal errands for you nor are they a source of information. All questions you have about finals should be reserved for your meeting with the Casting Director. On most occasions, you will be responsible for getting to the destination on your own. Please be warned that speaking to anyone in transit is **ABSOLUTELY NOT PERMITTED**. We have put in place people we call "spy's", they appear just like possible candidates, but will try and test you to see if you engage in conversation. They will report back to the office daily, and you could be disqualified.
- ◆ Most of the time you are in a public place, we will refer to you by your initials rather than by your name. This may seem awkward, but it is to protect your anonymity.
- ◆ Our office is open daily from 6:00am – 10:00pm and you can call us during those hours with questions.
- ◆ We are in Room: [REDACTED]
- ◆ We will have snacks available for you in Room [REDACTED] however, you can never come by unannounced. You must call ahead if you want something and we will either invite you down or send an assistant to your room. Again, you should never leave your room without our prior knowledge of your whereabouts. **PLEASE NOTE: WE CANNOT TAKE SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR SNACKS**
- ◆ After every meal, pool, gym break, or interview, medical exam etc. (basically every time you leave your room) you must call our production office to check in as soon as you return to your room. If the line is busy do not assume that we know, call back until you get a response.

MEALS

- ◆ We will provide you with per diem for all your meals. This money can be used in the hotel restaurant or for room service, or you can order in. Per diem will be handed out every night at the end of all appointments (approximately 9:00pm) If you choose to Go to sleep earlier than 9pm, please call the office so we can send someone up to give you your per-diem earlier than scheduled.
- ◆ All meal times are scheduled. If you miss a meal due to a conflicting appointment, you will not be able to make that time up. You will need to order room service for that meal.
- ◆ At your pre-determined mealtime, pool break, gym appointment, you will not be called and invited. We will expect you to be in attendance. Silently make your way between appointments. Upon arriving at the restaurant, gym, pool you must check in with the handler. They will be located at the entry point to each location. Upon leaving, you must check out.
- ◆ Occasionally a handler or another member of our staff will join you at meals to keep you company. You may not press anyone for information about the finals process, so please do not ask.
- ◆ Please remember to present your discount card for 10% off food & beverage within the hotel. This card is valid anywhere in the hotel except Starbucks and the gift shop

POOL / GYM APPOINTMENTS

- ◆ We understand that you are likely to get a little stir crazy while you are with us. (But if you are chosen, it may get even crazier) We have scheduled pool and gym time for you almost every day. This is not changeable, however, you do have the right to pass on these activities if you so choose. Once you arrive, check in with the handler. Remember to check out when you leave.
- ◆ We realize that not everyone likes to work out and lay out by the pool; however we highly recommend using this time. Maybe read a book or just get out and get some fresh air. if you choose not to use your gym & pool time, no other activities can be substituted in their place.
- ◆ As with meals, you will be given a scheduled pool and gym time, and may use these facilities only at your designated time. We will not, under any circumstances, take special requests for pool or gym scheduling.
- ◆ If you miss your scheduled pool and/or gym time due to scheduled appointments, you will not be able to make it up that day.

ROOM KEYS

- ◆ When you check into the hotel, you will be given only one (1) room key. Every night you will turn your room key into the Production office. We will send a handler around at 9:00pm to collect all the keys. If you choose to go to bed before this time, please call our office so we can collect your key then and not have to disturb you later. Your key will be Slipped under your door the next morning so you can start your day.
- ◆ If you get locked out of your room for any reason, the front desk will not issue you a replacement key without calling to get authorization from production.